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☞ Forty-Fourth Spring Session held with the Church at Smith's Grove, Stanly County, N. C., on Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1928. Also the ninety-sixth annual session held with the church at Bear Creek, Stanly County, N. C., on Saturday before first Sunday in Oct., 1928

SMITH'S GROVE CHURCH

Stanly County, N. C., May 5, 1928

PROCEEDINGS---SPRING SESSION

Assembled at stand, on church yard, at 11 o'clock A.M. Introductory sermon delivered by Elder D. S. Jones. Text was 63rd verse of 6th chapter of St. John.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

At 1 o'clock P.M. convened in the house. Song and prayer service conducted by Elder N. H. Harrison, a visitor. After which the moderator resumed his seat, and proceeded in the usual order of business, as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. Letters read by brethren J. M. Taylor and F. E. Huneycutt and all messengers named seated in order.

2. Re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards, Moderator, and J W Jones, Clerk.

3. Invited the visiting corresponding messengers from sister Associations to seats. The following present and seated: From Abbotts Creek, Elders Samuel McMillon, H. S. Williams and D. P. Broadway and brethren L. A. Wright, C. B. Owen and A. A. Snider. From Kehnkee, Elder N. H. Harrison. From Salem, Elders M. L. Williard and C. A. Davis. From Fisher's River, Elder J. M. Royal. From Roaring River, Elder E. A. Long.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats: The following present and seated: From Abbotts Creek, brethren B. I. Harrison, J. Vanhoy, Lee Snider, J.R. Garner and W. M. Mabe. From Salem, brethren J. T. Greer, Clay Hayworth, E. D. Tate, S. B. Beck and G. W. Yokely. From Fisher's River, brother W. L. Wood.

5. Appointed on Arrangement Committee---brethren C. O. Whitley, M.F. Coble and J.L. Williams, with moderator and Clerk

6. On motion, the Nolachuckey-Tennessee and Silver Creek Associations were left out from our correspondence for the present.

7. Adjourned to 8:30 Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator.

Saturday evening. Preaching at the stand by Elders J. M. Royal, M. L. Williard and D. P. Broadway.

SUNDAY SERVICES, May 6.

After song and prayer, Elder J. M. Royal preached, using as his text first verse of 62nd chap. of Isaiah, followed by Elder N. H. Harrison, who did not quote any special text, but delivered a most soul-cheering sermon on the efficacy of the blood of Jesus Christ, which sermon thrilled with sublime diction, eloquent oratory and grand rhetoric. Intermission one hour. Then Elder Sam McMillon preached ably from 28th verse of 3rd chap. of Joel, followed by Elder C. A. Davis from 10th verse of 43rd chap. of Isaiah, followed by Elder D. P. Broadway from 16th verse of 19th chap. Revelations. Then Elder Treece who was very unwell spoke most feelingly for short while, and then by special request Elder Harrison devoutly and most humbly related his christian experience and call to the gospel ministry; after which Elder Edwards, the Moderator, closed the services with well chosen and most encouraging remarks.

MONDAY MORNING, May 7

Convened in the house at 8:30 A. M., pursuant to adjournment. Praise service and prayer by Elder H. S. Williams. Then in the temporary absence of Elder Edwards, Elder J. A. Eudy was called to the chair to preside.

8. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

9. Renewed invitation to visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats.

10. Called our corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. All reports were good.

11. Called on corresponding messengers present from sister Associations to report. Reports satisfactory, and distributed minutes from Silver Creek, Mountain District Senter and Salem Associations.

12. Called on Presbyteries to report. The Clerk reported that Elders W. C. Edwards, D. S. Jones and J. A. Eudy with several Deacons formed a Presbytery at Liberty

church on 28th day of March, 1928, and ordained brother Oscar Broom to the full work of the gospel ministry.

13. That we return thanks to God for his mercy and full appreciation to this church and community for their generous hospitality during this meeting.

14. Read and approved above minutes and adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minutes in order.

Preaching Monday by Elders H. S. Williams, N. H. Harrison and Samuel McMillan. Dismissed by Elder J. A. Eudy, temporary Moderator.

Elder W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

MESSENGERS--SPRING SESSION 1928

Bear Creek..H. F. Alman, Riley Furr, J. Lester Williams.
Bethany..By letter.

Crooked Creek J. B. Hinson, L. L. Little, H. M. Greene.

Clark's Grove..G. W. Barbee, W C. Baucum.

Concord ..Not represented.

Deese Chapel..M. T. Harward.

Flat Lake..D. P. Dunn, O. F. Haywood, R. B. Craven (x)

Harward's Chapel M.F.Coble, P.A.Harward, C. Carpenter

Herrin's Grove..Elder D. S. Jones.

High Ridge..Elder W.C.Edwards, E.L.Griffin, J.P. Rushing.

Jerusalem..W. E. Moore, H. F. Curlee, G. F. Thomas.

Liberty..Elder Oscar Broom, John Whitley, E. S. Burghes.

Liberty Hill..J. L. Williams, B. W. Whitley, Fetzter Morton.

Lawyers Spring J. W. Jones, F. A. Preslar, N S. Jones.

Meadow Creek..H. A, Williams

Mountain Creek..W. P. Alman, W. R. Morton, Jim Burris.

New Zion..J. P. Whitley, M. A. Helms.

Pleasant Hill A. J. Helms, R. C. Perkins, F. L. Helms.

Philadelphia Foster Beam (x), F. N. Gardner (x).

Running Creek J. H. McClure, W. T. Tucker, J. D. Eury.

Smith's Grove..Walter Greene, Jona Morton, C.O.Whitley.

Absentees marked thus (x)

PROCEEDINGS

FALL SESSION

Bear Creek Church, Stanly Co., N.C. }
 October 6th, 1928. }

Assembled around stand in Grove at 11 o'clock A.M. Introductory preached by Elder W. C. Edwards; text 6th verse of 9th chapter Isaiah. Intermission one hour for dinner. At 1:30 P. M., the ministers and messengers present convened in the house. Song and prayer service conducted by Elder G. O. Key, a visitor from Fishers River Association. Then proceeded in usual order with Elder Edwards presiding.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. These were handed in and read by brethren F. E. Huneycutt and J M Taylor. (See Statistical Table): Peace and fellowship reported by all our churches and messengers named in letters seated in order.

2. By motion re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards, Moderator, and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

3. Invited messengers from sister Associations to seats. The following were present and seated: From Abbotts Creek, Elder H. S. Williams and brethren B. I. Harrison, G. H. Cornelison, J. R. Garner, Alex Snider and Enos Sikes. From Salem, Elder C. A. Davis and Bro. J. P. Greer.

4. Invited visiting ministers and brethren from sister Associations to seats. Following were present and welcomed: From Fishers River, Elder G. O. Key. From Little River, Elder T. Floyd Adams. From Mill Branch, Bro. H. Hinson. From Salem, Elders M. L. Williard, A. G. Morton and brethren Lee V. Smith, S. G. Snider and Clay Hayworth. From Mayo, Elder J. W. Tuttle. From Abbotts Creek, Elders Samuel McMillon and D. P. Broadway and brethren J. T. Vanhoy, L. A. Wright, T. R. Freeman, J. H. Broadway, Branson Snider, C. B. Owen, R. L. Mabe, W. P. Williams, Lee Snider and others. From White Oak, Elder Isaac Jones.

5. By motion, appointed as our arrangement committee for Monday business, brethren A. J. Furr, M. F. Coble and J. P. Whitley, together with our Moderator and Clerk.

6. Appointed brethren F. E. Huneycutt and J. M. Taylor as our Finance Committee.

7. Elected by ballot Elders Isaac Jones, H. S. Williams, Floyd Adams, J. W. Tuttle, G. O. Key and Samuel McMillon to preach at the stand Sunday. Services to commence at 10 A. M.

8. Adjourned to 9:00 Monday morning. Benediction by the Moderator. Preaching at stand Saturday evening by Elders M. L. Williard, C. A. Davis and J. W. Tuttle.

SUNDAY SERVICE, Oct. 7.

Assembled at and around the stand at 10 o'clock. Elder Isaac Jones, who has been active in the ministry for nearly fifty-six years, came forward and introduced service by using hymn No. 364 in Lloyd's book,

Father I stretch my hands to thee,
No other help I know;
If thou withdraw thyself from me,
Ah! whither shall I go?

Then Elder Jones offered up a devout prayer and preached a fine sermon upon the goodness and mercy of God, using no special text. Then Elder H. S. Williams preached very ably from the 6th verse of 16th chapter of Ezekiel. Then Elder T. Floyd Adams, a most promising young minister of Little River Association, closed the morning service, using as a text the 30th verse of 13th chapter of Matthew. This sermon was well delivered and found a ready reception. Intermission one hour for dinner.

Then afternoon service continued by Elder J. W. Tuttle, a man whom if you ever meet and hear you will never forget. He is certainly one "live wire," and preached a fine soul-cheering sermon from 23rd verse of 22nd chapter of Isaiah. (Please read above Scripture now.)

Then followed Elder G. O. Key, another veteran of the cross who has seen long service in ministry and a man to be depended upon for faithfulness and sober judgment. The text used by Elder Key was the two first verses of 125 Psalm. Elder Samuel McMillon then came forward and delivered one of those warm and feeling discourses for which he is noted from these words, "The blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sin." Several shouted out in praise to God. This was certainly a day to be long remembered by

people of the Bear Creek Association. Thousands of folks present, and best of attention given and perfect order observed and dozens of remarks signified love, peace and fellowship among orderly Primitive Baptists in our country. Elder Edwards closed the services with a few tender remarks upon the goodness and mercy of God and commending such fine behavior by such a vast throng of people. The very windows of heaven seemed to be open, rendering devine communication between God and His assembled people.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 8.

Re-convened in the house at 9 A. M. pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer conducted by Elder C. A. Davis.

9. Called on committee of arrangements to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called the roll of messengers and noted absentees. (Omitted reading Rules of Decorum).

11. Called on corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. Elder W. C. Edwards reported that himself and other messengers appointed to attend Abbotts Creek Association attended and were seated, and had a good meeting. Elder D. S. Jones reported that he and Bro. Lester Williams, as visitors, attended the Lower Country Line Association; were seated and had a good meeting. Other brethren who failed to attend as appointed were excused.

12. Called on corresponding messengers and visitors present from sister Associations to report. Elder H. S. Williams of Abbotts Creek reported that himself and others were present, and that they wished to continue our pleasant correspondence. Other brethren present from Abbotts Creek made good remarks. Elder C. A. Davis of Salem reported peace and their wish to continue our correspondence. Elder T. F. Adams, a visitor from Little River, spoke good words of encouragement, and invited us to visit and correspond with them. Elder G. O. Key, a visitor from Fishers River, gave us words of encouragement and commendation and their wish for continued correspondence. Elder J. W. Tuttle, as a visitor from Mayo Association, expressed his pleasure in being with us and invited us to visit and correspond with the Mayo.

13. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder Edwards reported that November 13, 1927, a Presbytery was formed at Jerusalem church and ordained Bros. Fulton Curlee and Crawford Thomas deacons of said church. Presbytery composed of Elder Edwards and Deacons Arch Helms J. W. Jones.

14. That we correspond with sister Associations, as follows: To Abbotts Creek as messengers, J. W. Jones, M.T. Harward, J. C. Griffin, Elder D. S. Jones and minutes. To Mill Branch, Elders J. A. Eudy, D. S. Jones, Will A. Helms, Bro. M. T. Harward and minutes. To Salem, Elder W.C. Edwards and minutes. To Roaring River, Bro. J. M. Taylor and minutes. To Fisher's River, J. M. Taylor and minutes. To St. Clair's Bottom, J. M. Taylor and minutes. Also we send minutes to Mayo, and Elder D. S. Jones and minutes to Upper Country Line and minutes and Elder D. S. Jones to Lower Country Line, and Elder W. C. Edwards and brethren J. C. Griffin, J. W. Jones and minutes to Little River. Mountain District and Senter left off for the present only as to minutes.

(We Distributed minutes from sister Associations at this time, as follows: Abbott's Creek, Mill Branch, Upper and Lower Country Line and Roaring River Associations).

15. That our next Spring session be held with the church at Herrin's Grove, Stanly County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1929, and that Elder Oscar Broom is appointed to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J.A. Eudy his alternate. (This church is about 10 or 12 miles north of Oakboro, N. C.) The Annual or Fall Session is to be held with the church at Mountain Creek, Stanly Co., N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1929, and Elder J. A. Eudy is appointed to preach the introductory sermon; Elder W. C. Edwards his alternate. (This church is about 3 miles north of Albemarle, N. C.)

16. Treasurer reports no funds on hand from last year.

17. Finance Committee reports sent up by the churches this year for minute and Association expenses

	the sum of \$81.45.
Handed in to defray visiting ministers expense	36.55

Total	-	\$118.00
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18. That all surplus funds be distributed out among the ministers present.

19. That the Clerk serve as Treasurer and Superintend the printing of 1100 copies of these minutes and distribute and mail out as usual, and have 15 dollars from minute fund for services this year.

20. That we return thanks to God for His many blessings and extend thanks to this church and friends of the community for their kind hospitality during this meeting.

21. Then after reading and approving the above minutes, adjourned in order to times and places above mentioned. Benediction by the moderator. While the Association was in session in the house preaching was at the stand by Elders A. G. Morton, D. P. Broadway, T. F. Adams and J. W. Tuttle. Much to the comfort of the large assemblage present, and before we parted to return to our homes, five humble believers had been received into the fellowship of the church by experience. We feel to be renewed in strength and to press on with fresh courage and confidence in the work of the Lord.

Elder W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator, Wingate, N.C.
J. W. JONES, Clerk, Peachland, N. C.

MESSENGERS--FALL SESSION 1928

Bear Creek..D. C. Page, J. A. Barbee, R. J. Furr.

Bethany..By Letter and contribution.

Crooked Creek..H.M.Greene, D.L. Williams, L.W.Greene.

Clark's Grove..W.C.Baucom, Elder J.A.Eudy, G.W.Barbee.

Concord..P. M. Hartsell, W. M. Coley, W. M. Whitley.

Deese Chapel..M. T. Harward.

Flat Lake..C. F. Dunn, R. B. Craven, O. F. Haywood. (x)

High Ridge..Elder W.C.Edwards,D.S.Tarlton,G.R.Mills (x)

Harward's Chapel..P. A. Harward, M. F. Coble, H. Hill.

Herrin's Grove..Elder D.S.Jones, Ruffus Herrin (x), E. R.

Herrin (x)

Jerusalem..W. C. Thomas, H. F. Curlee, Fulton Thomas.

Liberty..J. J. Hill, J. S. Edwards, Elder Oscar Broom.

Liberty Hill..J. T. Crisco, V. P. Whitley, Fetzner Morton.

Lawyer's Spring..J. W. Jones, F. A. Preslar, J. C. Dry.

Meadow Creek..H. A. Williams, J. J. Barbee.

Mountain Creek..Elder B. L. Treece, W.R. Morton, W. P.

Almond.

New Zion... J. P. Whitley, Elder W. A. Helms, S.M. Underwood.

Pleasant Hill... Sam Rimmer, F. L. Helms, J. M. Taylor.

Philadelphia... F. N. Gardner (x), Foster Beam, J. N. Jones.

Running Creek... R. F. Almond, J. D. Eury, J. H. McClure.

Smith Grove... C. O. Whitley, Jona Morton, A. A. Morton.

Absentees marked thus (x)

Annual Table For 1928 Statistics

CHURCHER	By Experience and Baptism	Rec'd by letter and relation	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek	4						29	\$4 00
Bethany							2	1 00
Crooked Creek							13	3 75
Clark's Grove							19	2 00
Concord		1			1	3	19	1 00
Deese Chapel							7	5 75
Flat Lake						2	11	2 00
High Ridge	2						23	6 25
Harward's Chapel					2		18	2 85
Herrin's Grove							9	1 25
Jerusalem	2						47	16 35
Liberty						1	29	5 50
Liberty Hill	1		1				23	5 00
Lawyers Spring			2				15	5 00
Meadow Creek	2	1			1		12	2 00
Mountain Creek				1	3		13	2 00
New Zion							17	2 25
Pleasant Hill	1					2	21	5 00
Philadelphia	3						19	3 00
Running Creek							23	3 00
Smith Grove							22	2 50
Totals	15	2	3	1	7	8	381	81 45

Disbursement---	Total funds	\$118 00
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For printing and mailing minutes	\$44 00
Allowance to clerk	15 00
Distributed to Ministers	59 00

Total paid out \$118 00
Leaving no funds on hand

Names and Postoffice Address of Our Ordained Ministers

Elder	W. C. Edwards	Wingate	N. C.
"	B. L. Treece	Albemarle,	" "
"	J. A. Eudy	Oakboro,	" "
"	D. S. Jones	Oakboro,	" "
"	Will A. Helms, R. 7	Concord,	" "
"	Oscar Broom	Monroe,	" "

Churches, Clerks and Their Postoffice, 1928

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Bear Creek . . J.A.Barbee, R.1, Oakboro, N. C. 1st in Aug.
 Bethany .Mrs.Fannie Safley, R.A.Wad'boro,N.C 3rd in Aug.
 Concord .P.W.Hartsell,169 Duval St.,Concord,N.C., 3 in Aug
 Clark's Grove . . G. W. Barbee, Midland " " 2d in July
 Crooked Creek . . L. L.Little, R. 1, Unionville " " 4th in July
 Deese Chapel . . Rebecca Howard,Wadesboro " " 2d in June
 Flat Lake . . O. F. Haywood, Mt. Glead " " 4th in July
 High Ridge .Will A.Helms, R. 4., Marshville " " 3rd in July
 Howard's Chapel .Arch Carpenter,Norwood " " 1st in Sept
 Jerusalem . . W. E. Moore, R. 5, Marshville, " " 2d in Aug.
 Liberty . J. B. Whitley, R. 7, Monroe " " 1st in July
 Liberty Hill . . F.E.Huneycutt, R. 2, Oakboro " " 4th in Aug
 Lawyers Spring . . J.W.Jones, Peachland, 5th Sunday
 nearest 1st Sunday in Aug.
 MeadowCreek .H.A.Williams, R.2,Stanfield,N.C. 3rd in Aug

Mountain Creek -- Mrs. Della Mantoath, Albemarle, N.C.

New Zion -- J. P. Whitley, Bosts Mill 3rd in July

Pleasant Hill -- H. P. Cashion, R. 1, Barber, N.C. 2nd in June

Philadelphia -- Foster Beam, Ellenboro, " 4th in June

Run'ing Creek -- J. H. McClure, R. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N.C. 4th in Aug.

Smith's Grove -- Walter Greene, R. 1, Oakboro, N.C. 2 in Aug

Herrin's Grove -- Rufus Herrin, Mt. Pleasant, N.C. 3rd in Sept

The above also represents regular stated monthly conference meetings on Saturdays before.



Articles of Faith---Bear Creek Association

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Rules of Decorum

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided, he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

